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Meet the new face of Chicago public transit—
RedEye sits down with Rich Rodriguez **6-7**

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To bump

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To listen

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TUESDAY'S WINNING CAPTION

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Analyze this

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REDEYE'S QUICK LOOK
AT SOME OF THE BIGGEST TALKERS
OF THE DAY, NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

22 Train wreck

A miniature train that derailed and injured 22 people at the Louisville Zoo underwent daily inspections and passed a state examination in January, safety officials said Tuesday. A 21-month-old girl was critically injured.

25 Piece of cake

Happy birthday to Tetris, which turns 25 this week.

SEVEN

And I'm a PC

Microsoft confirmed Tuesday that Windows 7, which replaces the much-complained-about Vista, will go on sale Oct. 22.



twenty-six

Fresh blood

Officials in South Korea say North Korea's ailing leader, Kim Jong Il, has chosen his youngest son as his successor—26-year-old Kim Jong Un.

L-u-c-k-y!

It's a good thing cats have nine lives, because Lucky from New York really needed it. He fell 26 stories off an apartment building and not only lived, but only suffered minor injuries.



Kim Jong Il
AP FILE

6'7" Tall order

The South Carolina funeral board has revoked the licenses of a funeral home and its director for cutting the legs of a 6-foot-7 man so his corpse would fit in a casket.



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Rough patches

The Obama administration is warning that the trust fund that pays for highway construction will go broke in August unless Congress approves an infusion of as much as \$7 billion.



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147 Park it

The National Park Service is looking to stimulate summer vacations at national parks. How? By waiving the entrance fees at 147 national parks and monuments—including the Grand Canyon and Yosemite—on three weekends (June 20-21, July 18-19, Aug. 15-16).

Chinese to buy Hummer?

DETROIT General Motors took a key step toward its downsizing on Tuesday, striking a tentative deal to sell its Hummer brand to a Chinese manufacturer, while also revealing that it has potential buyers for its Saturn and Saab brands.

GM reportedly has an agreement to sell its Hummer brand to Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery of China, which deals in road construction, plastics, resins and other industrial products. Hummer would be its first step into the automotive business.

GM said the sale will likely save more than 3,000 U.S. jobs in manufacturing, engineering and at various Hummer dealers.

As part of the proposed transaction, Hummer will continue to contract vehicle manufacturing and business services from GM

during a transitional period. For example, GM's Shreveport, La., assembly plant would continue to contract to assemble the H3 and H3T through at least 2010, GM said.

The automaker also said Tuesday that it has 16 buyers interested in purchasing its Saturn brand, while three parties are interested in the Swedish Saab brand.

GM, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York on Monday, is racing to remake itself as a smaller, leaner automaker.

In addition to its plan to sell the Hummer, Saab and Saturn brands, GM will also phase out its Pontiac brand, concentrating on its Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC nameplates.



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When a friend subs for a partner

I learned something about myself at a bachelorette party last weekend.

As I sat through the "How well does the bride know the groom" game, I realized that I would have scored higher than the bride had the questions been about my roommate and BFF, Lauren.

Lauren and I are so close, we've considered adopting one of those celebrity hybrid names. Lyndsen? Laurdsday? (Official celebri-name and pregnancy/adoption rumors pending.)

We know each other's weekly schedules. We call each other on our office lines. We often are the other's "plus 1" at weddings and office functions.

We take turns buying milk and often plan weekday meals together. We have bizarre pet names for each other—Bobo, Sheesh and Billy Bob Thornton, to share a few.

Sound familiar? When you're single, the people closest to you take on the role of what I like to call the "SSO" (surrogate significant other)—whether it's your roommate, office mate, sibling or best friend. And it's not just a female thing.

Take, for example, my two very heterosexual friends Nick and Russ, who have a beautiful bromance. Most weekends you can find Nick spending the night at Russ' or vice versa. And more often than not, there is some form of baking involved. I'm not kidding. I recently overheard them discussing the idea of Nick keeping some work clothes at Russ' place, just in case he ever needed a change of clothes. I told them that the day Nick has a "drawer" at Russ' they officially need to change their statuses on Facebook to, "It's complicated."

So am I saying there's something wrong with this? Absolutely not. But just in case you are wondering if you're in a similar situation, ask yourself the following:

- » Have I recently rented the entire "Lost" series to watch with this person on weeknights?
- » Have we tattooed each other's middle names around our navels?
- » Do people refer to us as a BOGO (buy one, get one) behind our backs?
- » Do we have a pair of jeans that we trade every month that magically fits us both and inspires us to greatness?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, congratulations, you have an SSO. But don't panic.

These close, "in-the-meantime" relationships are perfectly healthy. Take Lauren and me, for example; we still are roommates, we still get wedding invitations addressed to both of us, and we may or may not be planning a Caribbean cruise for 2010.

As I see it, these relationships are a good way to learn about yourself and what you need from a significant other. I already know that I need a man who loves to clean, tolerates my daily 5 p.m. napping habit and is willing to call me "Billy."

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No. 1 commuter

New CTA president reveals transit priorities, pet peeves to RedEye

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

It seems fitting that Don Quixote is one of Rich Rodriguez's heroes.

Quixote, the adventuresome knight in Spanish literature, was known for leading idealistic quests. Rodriguez, a City Hall wunderkind who has held 10 jobs in the past 10 years, recently embarked on his new quest: leading the CTA in a time when the agency is facing significant budgetary woes.

In a sit-down interview with RedEye last week at CTA headquarters in the West Loop, the new CTA president revealed his top transit priorities, a plan that would allow riders to reward CTA workers for good customer service and his pet peeves about the system.

"I think I am adjusting well. It's not as if I inherited something that's broken," said Rodriguez, 38. "I think we've got a good system. The city obviously deserves a great system."

When he took the CTA reins from Ron Huberman in February, Rodriguez was no stranger to mass transit.

Rodriguez grew up in Humboldt Park and attended Von Steuben high school in North Park, Loyola University and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

"I've used public transportation a majority of my life," Rodriguez said. "I still use it frequently. I use it on the weekends when I'm able to con my kids into going on field trips with me, so if you see me on the weekends riding the system, I'm typically with one if not a number of my children."

As his profile rises, Rodriguez may be hard to miss on the CTA on the weekends—and not just because he may be toting one or all of his five kids, all younger than 13.

He said he recently was riding a bus when the operator made it a point to announce Rodriguez



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RICH RODRIGUEZ, CTA president

was on the bus—and no one knew it.

"Unfortunately, I was wearing my island shirt and baseball cap and Birkenstocks. It's a little embarrassing," Rodriguez said. "I try to be somewhat inconspicuous, but I will have a conversation with the bus operators and try to get a sense of what's going on with their garage, how the management is in their garage, how they feel they're being treated and whatnot."

When he rides the buses and trains, Rodriguez is on the lookout for bad behavior. One of his top priorities is to improve CTA customer service.

A recently released report found that complaints about rude bus and train operators were the second-most common submitted by CTA riders in the first three months of the year. The top gripe: Bus drivers who didn't stop to pick up riders.

Rodriguez said he imagines a system in which CTA workers would be rewarded for good customer service with tokens, similar to the ones that were used for fare in the '90s. Under Rodriguez's plan, a rider who gets a monthly CTA pass in the mail also would receive a token that the rider could give to a CTA employee who shows exemplary customer service.

"Measuring friendliness is the one thing I'm going to try to focus on," Rodriguez said. "Have our customers tell us and monitor the right level of customer service and have our employees have some sort of incentive other than what they do on a day-to-day basis."

But if a rider received poor customer service, he or she likely would not be able to take a token away from a worker. Rodriguez said that's what the complaint line, 1-888-YOUR-CTA, is for.

Rodriguez added that the plan is "just an idea. ... It's not something we're prepared to put in place just yet."

Another idea Rodriguez is reviewing is a train tracker similar to the Bus Tracker. Bus-bunching complaints have declined since the implementation of the Bus Tracker, which now includes all routes except for special-events routes without specific schedules, according to the CTA.

The CTA control center currently uses a system called QuikTrac to track trains. Circuits along the track pick up the location of a train. The technology has been added to certain routes, according to the CTA, but it hasn't been installed throughout the system. The CTA doesn't have an estimate for what it would cost to upgrade the system and make it customer-friendly.

"In order for that system to do anything near what Bus Tracker does, we have to actually upgrade our system, our signals and the power through the actual rails themselves," Rodriguez said. "It's something that we're definitely looking into."

Rodriguez said he typically rides the train on weekdays to go to business meetings in the Loop, but he usually drives to work in the mornings so he can spend time with his children as he drops them off at their school bus stop. When he does ride the Brown Line from

home, or another trains, he said he rarely leaves empty-handed. Like Huberman, his predecessor, one of Rodriguez's pet peeves is garbage on the trains and at the stations.

"No one should be beyond picking up a few pieces of litter," Rodriguez said. "One of the things I've learned from the mayor, obviously, is to lead by example."

It's no secret that Rodriguez is one of Mayor Daley's go-to guys, which is part of the reason Rodriguez has bounced between city agencies, also like Huberman.

Huberman became CEO of Chicago Public Schools after serving as CTA president for about a year-and-a-half. Rodriguez held his last job, as aviation commissioner, for about 10 months.

"My intent would be to stay as long as I can add value," Rodriguez said. "I'm enjoying it."

Leaders of local transit groups say it may be too early to rate Rodriguez's performance as CTA president, but at least one union leader seemed unhappy about Rodriguez's short tenure thus far. Robert Kelly, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308, which represents CTA rail operations employees, said he initially was optimistic about Rodriguez when he met with him recently to discuss employee morale and safety concerns, but now he's not so sure.

"I walked away from the meeting somewhat with ... high hopes that we could resolve a lot of issues. That was about a month ago. I no longer I have that impression," Kelly said. "We have to work hand-in-hand. ... I'm not going to label Mr. Rodriguez alone. I don't think the CTA is working hand-in-hand at all."

But Rodriguez is getting high marks from one of his most prominent peers. CTA Board Chairwoman Carole Brown told RedEye Rodriguez is "doing a good job getting up to speed."

"He is just a nice guy, very diligent, very hard-working," Brown said.

Asked if she's worried Rodriguez won't be on the job long, Brown said, "I think you just have to wait and see." **TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM**

R-ROD'S PICKS

Even after Rich Rodriguez admitted he sports Birkenstocks, we still wanted to know more about the Man of La Mandals.



On his iPod:
Gilberto Santa Rosa, Tito Puente, Nina Simone, Led Zeppelin, AC/DC



On his TiVo: "I don't have TiVo. I don't watch much television. I don't have time. With five children and a very demanding boss ... I don't really watch sitcoms."



Cubs or Sox: "I lean toward the Cubs a bit but I'm sure the mayor wouldn't like to hear that."



Last book he read: "I have to read Highlights [magazine] all the time for [my] kids so that's what I read most of nowadays." He likes to reread "Don Quixote" and is fond of Abraham Lincoln biographies.



How he would spend a Ferris Bueller's day off: Ride his bike around the city, take his kids to the Lincoln Park Zoo and watch a foreign film with his wife. "And of course I'd take public transportation everywhere." **TRACY SWARTZ**



CTA President Richard Rodriguez sits on the Clinton station Green Line platform.
BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE

On the money

New CTA President Rich Rodriguez may be dreaming the impossible dream. He said the CTA needs \$10 billion to bring the system up to a state of good repair, adding that one of his top priorities is ensuring the CTA gets its fair share of capital funding. He talked dollars and sense with RedEye. **TRACY SWARTZ**

On the \$241 million in federal stimulus money the CTA received

Rodriguez said the CTA has used \$88 million to renovate the Blue Line and invested \$50 million in purchasing hybrid buses. "There are rail and station improvements we're making, substation improvements," Rodriguez said. "A lot of the way in which we invest those dollars aren't necessarily seen by the public."

On fare increases

"As of this year, assuming ridership remains where it's at, and that the public funding continues to come in at the rate at which it has, and we don't get reduced [promises for funding] by the RTA, then I would anticipate no fare increases and no service reduction this year," he said.

On free rides for seniors

"I would love to have a system in the city of Chicago that provided free rides for everyone, but the reality is someone has to pay for the system. So, you know, are seniors entitled to free rides in my opinion? Absolutely. They've made their investment, they've worked in this city for a number of years. I think it would be wonderful to do so, and again that's my own personal opinion. But can we afford to do so? Again, the answer is no," Rodriguez said.

On extending the Orange, Yellow and Red Lines

"That would probably be an extra \$3 billion to \$5 billion. There are a lot of monies that need to be invested in the system," Rodriguez said. "Fixing the CTA to just a state of good repair is a multiyear investment, something where we'd be happy if we were to receive \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion in capital funding to really say we're able to deliver the type of service that the residents of this city deserve over the course of the next five to seven years."

On the Olympics

"I think we stand to benefit if we receive the Olympics. I don't think the Olympics are hinged upon our system. It's basically, 'Can we move individuals in a region to and from efficiently?' I believe we can, given our current infrastructure."

DUBIOUS METER DEAL?

CITY HALL OFFICIAL ISSUES SCATHING ANALYSIS OF 75-YEAR PARKING AGREEMENT

Chicago Tribune

City Hall's inspector general Tuesday blasted the Daley administration's parking meter lease as "a dubious financial deal for the city" that was rushed through with "no meaningful public review."

Inspector General David Hoffman said an analysis by his office found Chicago officials entered into the long-term lease of the parking meter system "for a price that was 45 percent lower than its value to the city."

Under the deal, a private company gave the city an upfront, lump-sum payment of \$1.15 billion for the right to operate—and collect money from—the 36,000 meters across Chicago for 75 years. Mayor Daley and his aides repeatedly have defended the deal, noting that the winning



Hoffman

company offered the highest price to the city of any qualified bidder.

"We do not force things through City Council," said Paul Volpe, Daley's chief of staff who spearheaded the deal back when he was chief financial officer. Volpe also appeared to suggest Hoffman is out of his league in analyzing the deal.

At a news conference Tuesday before Hoffman released his report, Daley again told reporters that the parking meter lease and other privatization deals are essential to helping offset a growing deficit in the city budget.

Daley acknowledged that people are "frustrated" by repeated technical problems with the parking system.

But he quickly shot down the suggestion

A FINE MESS

Chicago Parking Meters LLC has become the target of widespread criticism as meters across the city broke down quickly, choked by the volume of coins required to pay the new, higher rates. And the cash-or-credit pay boxes installed to combat the problem of broken meters also have malfunctioned. Officials with the company still have not said why some 250 "pay-and-display" boxes in downtown Chicago stopped working last week.

from some aldermen that the city should break its deal with Chicago Parking Meters LLC.

"If we didn't have this money, you had better believe we would be in the tank," the mayor said.

Hoffman said city officials should have examined other alternatives, such as a shorter-term

lease that split parking revenues with the private operator.

Another option suggested by Hoffman would have led the city to agree to a lease with less severe rate hikes. At most meters around the city, the privatization deal meant an immediate 400 percent rate increase.

"At the least, these alternatives merited consideration in a regular, democratic, deliberative process," the report says.

The report laid blame for the allegedly poor parking meter lease agreement squarely on Volpe and made only glancing reference to the technical problems encountered in the transition of the meter system to private hands.

Daley has argued for privatization deals by asserting that private companies are better equipped to serve functions such as operating parking meters.



Found guilty

Chicago Police Officer Anthony Abbate leaves the Cook County Courthouse on Tuesday after he was convicted of aggravated battery in the 2007 beating of a woman bartender at a Northwest Side tavern. He faces up to five years in prison following a mixed verdict in which a judge rejected Abbate's claims that he acted in self-defense when he violently slammed Karolina Obrycka against the bar at Jesse's Short Stop Inn and threw her to the floor. Abbate was acquitted of two charges of official misconduct. ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

Charges in officer's death

Two people have been charged in the shooting death of Chicago Police Officer Alejandro "Alex" Valadez, police said Tuesday. Charged were Kevin Walker, 21, and Shawn Gaston, 20, police said. Valadez, a plainclothes Chicago police officer, died Monday after being shot in the head in West Englewood.

Forever robbed

Forever 21 was robbed Tuesday, the second robbery in a two-week period for the store on the Magnificent Mile. The robbery occurred at 2:22 p.m. at 540 N. Michigan Ave., according to Chicago police. The robber, described as a man in his 30s, got away with an undisclosed sum of cash. On May 21, the same store was robbed of \$15,000.

Division Street Bridge closed

The Division Street Bridge over the Chicago River will be closed to westbound traffic until July 3, city officials said Tuesday. The bridge, which is undergoing repairs, will remain open to eastbound traffic, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation. The detour for westbound Division traffic is Halsted Street north to North Avenue, west to Elston Avenue, and back to Division.

Cop charged in hit-and-run posts bail

The off-duty Chicago police officer charged in the hit-and-run collision that killed a 13-year-old South Side boy late last month walked out of Cook County Jail on Tuesday after posting bond. Richard Bolling, 39, had been in custody 11 days. He was charged with reckless homicide and leaving the scene of a crash in connection with the death of 8th grader Trenton Booker.

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2 Americans aboard missing Air France jet

1 Murder capital

New Orleans is again the nation's murder capital after briefly losing the title. With 64 killings per 100,000 people in 2008, New Orleans had the highest per capita murder rate, well ahead of second-place St. Louis, which had 47 murders per 100,000 people.



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
BLOOMBERG NEWS

2 Iran invited

In a new overture to Iran, the Obama administration has authorized U.S. embassies around the world to invite Iranian officials to Independence Day parties they host on or around 4th of July.

3 Suitcase drug

Police in Santiago, Chile, say two suitcases carried by a woman who was about to fly from Chile to Spain were made of cocaine.

4 Confessions down

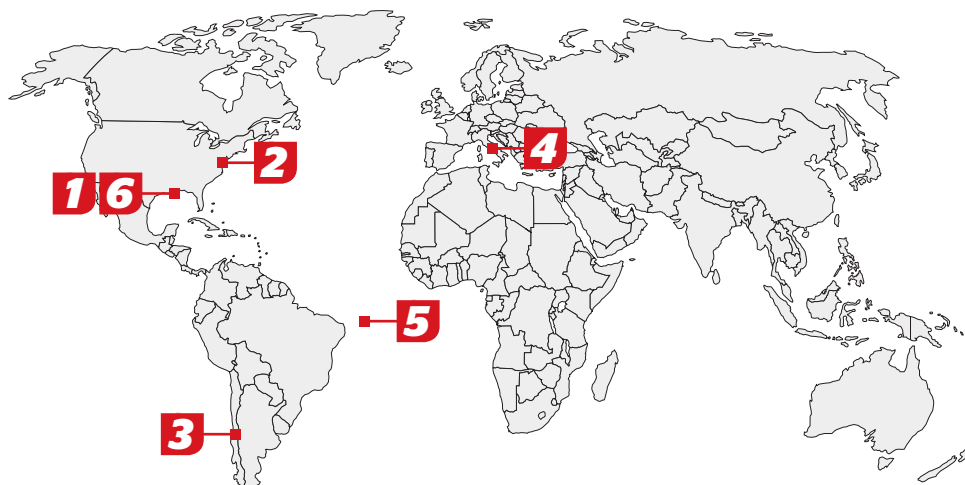
A Vatican official is lamenting that many faithful no longer confess their sins, and says some confuse a psychologist's couch for a confessional booth.

U.S. deaths up

U.S. deaths in Afghanistan have risen to 65 so far this year, up from 36 over the first five months of 2008—though U.S. and coalition troops also have killed hundreds more militants, an Associated Press tally shows.



5 A French army air crewman patrols the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday for the missing Air France flight. Brazilian military pilots hunting for the jet spotted an airplane seat, an orange buoy and signs of fuel in a part of the ocean about 410 miles beyond the Brazilian archipelago of Fernando de Noronha. **AP PHOTO**



6 NEW ORLEANS The two Americans on board a missing Air France plane were a geologist and his wife headed to Europe for work and vacation, a spokesman for his employer said Tuesday.

Michael Harris, who turned 60 last month, worked in Rio de Janeiro for Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy Corp., company spokesman Chip Minty said. Harris had planned to attend seminars in Barcelona, Spain.

"After that, they had five days on R&R in Paris," Minty said.

The airliner disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean late Sunday en route from Brazil to Paris with 228 people on board. Brazilian military pilots searching for the plane spotted floating debris Tuesday but no signs of life.

Anne Harris, 54, was a physical therapist who put herself through school while a single mother, her sister, Mary Miley, told the Lafayette, La., newspaper The Advertiser. She was originally from Lafayette, about 130 miles west of New Orleans.

"They were both gregarious, caring, patient, kind, fun-loving individuals," she told The Advertiser. "My only comfort is that they died together."

Miley said the couple lived in Lafayette until 2004.

They had been married for 16 years, and Anne Harris' son, a pilot with Continental, lives in their house in the Spring area outside Houston.

A woman at that home declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

"They were both gregarious, caring, patient, kind, fun-loving individuals."

—Mary Miley, talking about her sister Annie Harris and brother-in-law Michael, who were on the Air France plane

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These studies send a clear message: in the wake of the global economic crisis, identity theft is a big business.

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According to the survey, more than one in every ten victims knew the per-

son who stole their identity. Worse yet, these "friendly frauds" went undetected longer and cost consumers who knew the perpetrator more than double the expenses experienced by victims who didn't know their identity thief.

It also appears identity thieves are moving faster than they used to when it comes to using stolen information.

The Javelin survey revealed that incidents of thieves using stolen information within just a week of the theft more than doubled from 33% to 71% over the past three years.

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Case closed?

Memphis finds insufficient proof
Derrick Rose cheated on his SAT

Chicago Tribune

Is Derrick Rose in the clear? The University of Memphis says it cannot find sufficient proof the Bulls star cheated on his college entrance exam.

The question: Is that proof enough that he didn't?

On Tuesday, Memphis' response to NCAA allegations of test-score malfeasance by Rose became public through open records requests from multiple Tennessee media outlets. The school's conclusion, according to documents posted on the Memphis Commercial-Appeal's Web site? That it had "insufficient evidence" to reach the same judgment as the NCAA, which alleged Rose engaged in "knowing fraudulence or misconduct" regarding his qualifying SAT score. Memphis states the only evidence suggesting Rose did not take the SAT was provided by Lee Ann Harmless, a forensic document examiner the NCAA retained. According to the school, Harmless "does not conclude definitively that [name redacted] did not take the exam. She wrote only that [name redacted] probably did not write the questioned hand printing or cursive writing on the exam form."

Though names have been redacted from the response letter, a lawyer for Rose confirmed last week that the Bulls guard participated in investigations into his test scores while at Memphis.

Memphis states Rose maintained he took each test himself when he was interviewed in the fall of 2007. Since he left the school, though, Memphis says Rose "has declined to participate further in the investigation of his eligibility." Indeed, Rose himself has not issued any public comment nor made any public appearances since the allegations surfaced.

GRADE INQUIRY WON'T BE REOPENED

Derrick Rose also has been embroiled in controversy over a grade change sources say was made for him in his last semester at Simeon Career Academy, in which a D was changed to a C. Memphis acknowledged receiving notice of the grade change from the Chicago Public Schools inspector general in October 2007, but concluded that the change had no effect on Rose's eligibility. A Chicago Public Schools spokeswoman reiterated Tuesday that while schools CEO Ron Huberman has requested a briefing regarding the inspector general's findings, the investigation into grade changes will not be reopened. **TRIBUNE**

Rose
AP FILE

Madden pulls rank

John Madden may be gone from broadcasting to concentrate on romantic road trips in the Madden Cruiser with his sudden overabundance of six-legged turkeys, but his video game is here to stay. Though Madden NFL 10 is still a couple of months away, ESPN recently released an updated list of the game's top 10 players at each position. This info is critical because the player ratings are made with the 2009-10 season in mind and could give us a better idea of who to draft for our fantasy team. Let's take a look.



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Cutler at No. 9?

It probably is bound to raise the ire of the Bears' faithful, but the experts at EA Sports have ranked Chicago's new golden boy Jay Cutler ninth in quarterbacks. The reason is likely the shift from a Denver team with great receivers and a poor defense to a Bears team that could probably start Air Bud as their No. 1 wideout. Still, it's hard to justify Cutler being placed below Philip Rivers and Ben Roethlisberger. No. 6 or No. 7 sounds about right.

Slaton worshiper

Texas halfback Steve Slaton hit the player ratings lottery after his stellar '08 season and gained 13 overall points from last year's Madden to an 87 overall. This is good, but the Madden Men didn't go far enough. Slaton deserves to be among the top 10 running backs this season, over Thomas Jones (He can't really have another great year, can he?) and the never-quite-healthy Brandon Jacobs.

No Moss!

Which Randy Moss will show up for New England this season: the one who caught 1 billion touchdowns in '07 or the one who looked bored with Matt Cassell under center? Madden NFL 10 says somewhere in between. Moss is listed as the No. 4 receiver, sandwiched between Steve Smith and Reggie Wayne. And that's a pretty good sandwich, friends. Uh, there's gotta be a better way to say that.

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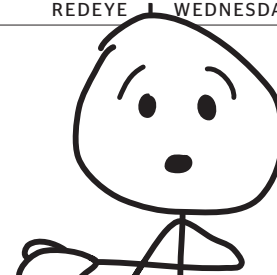
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See Jen Patterson on Comcast SportsNet's "Monsters in the Morning" from 6 to 9 a.m. weekdays.



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1 How could 12 straight games at U.S. Cellular Field be bad for the White Sox?	Kenny could get stuck answering more questions about NL pitchers.	A nuclear bomb could go off during each of the games.	With their luck, it'll rain during half of them.	If they were all played on the same day. That would be ridiculous!	Too much fun can get you in trouble. Especially if you use permanent marker.
2 Is the worst over for the White Sox and Cubs?	Nope ... the crosstown classic starts June 16.	Oh, Question Guy, you're so naive.	No, no, no. It is just beginning.	For the Cubs there is never really such a thing as "the worst is over."	Yes, they are on the way "Up." Just like my new favorite movie.
3 What should the Cubs take on their nine-game road trip?	Bobby Scales.	Gatorade dispensers with Tony La Russa's face on it.	The Brewers to play for them.	Nothing passes the time on summer vacation like Danielle Steele romance novels. Umm, wait.	A portable DVD player so they can watch "Tom & Jerry" on long bus rides.
4 What Chicago athlete would you like to see on "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!"?	Sammy Sosa. Maybe his English will come back to him.	Derrek Lee. Yeah, I said it. I love the man, no longer love the player. Especially not at \$12M per.	Lou Piniella. Translating what he's saying could be one of the challenges.	I would pay to see Patti Blagojevich and Milton Bradley go at it in an F-bomb competition.	Ozzie Guillen. That mean man needs some tough love.
5 Danica Patrick made a joke about performance-enhancing drugs. Insert your joke here.	I thought she already had roid rage.	Clearly, she's not taking any. But then again why would she, they're only helpful to athletes.	Danica, please, please don't take them. We don't want you looking like a man.	I think Jimmy needs some performance-enhancers to keep up with my wit in Five on Five.	Why did the chicken cross the road? That's it.

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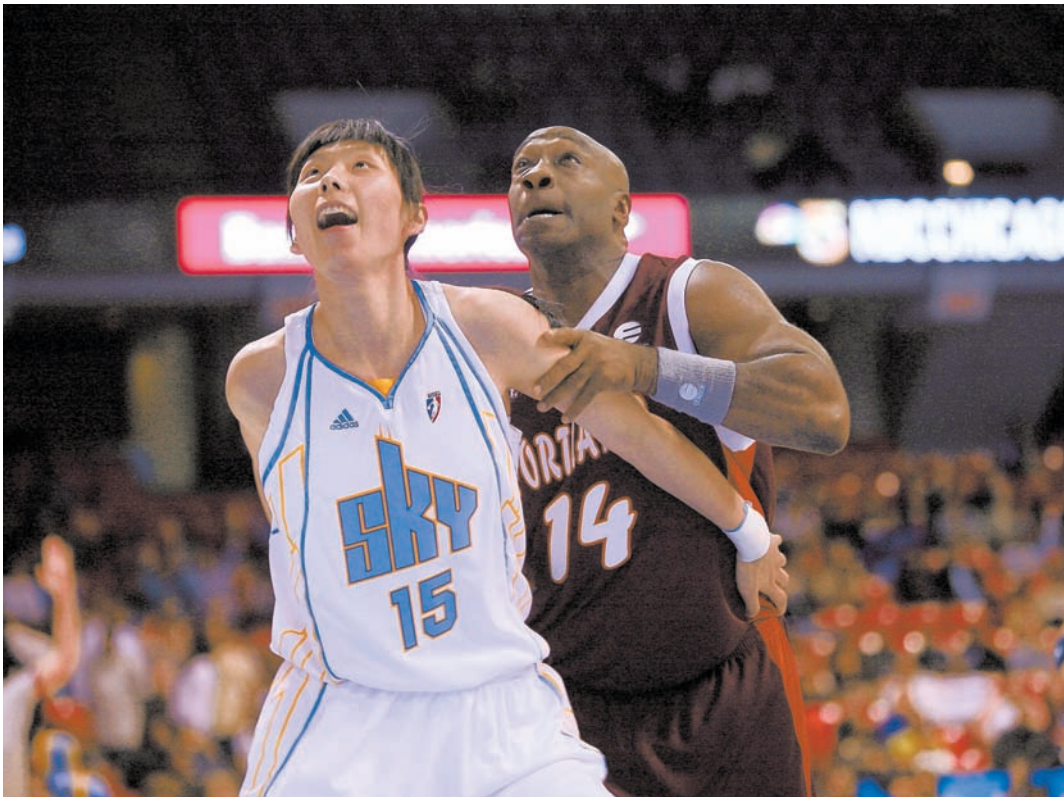
The Battle of the Sexes between the Sky and the all-male Entertainment League turned into a bloodbath—not literally of course.

The Sky schooled the guys, cruising to a 102-55 win Tuesday at UIC Pavilion.

Candice Dupree led the Sky with 20 points and seven rebounds. Olympic gold medal-winner Sylvia Fowles had 16 points and seven rebounds.

Tank led the E League with 13 points and five rebounds. Chicago celebs Michael Clarke Duncan and Larenz Tate were shut out. Duncan went scoreless; Tate did not play.

The E League kept the game tight in the first quarter, trailing just 22-16, but the Sky blew it



The Chicago Sky's Chen Nan and the E League's Michael Clarke Duncan vie for a rebound Tuesday at UIC Pavilion. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE PHOTOS

open in the second quarter, outscoring the E League 31-10. The Sky closed the game with a 21-8 run.

The game served as the Sky's final preseason tuneup before they open the season Saturday in Minnesota.



E League's "Tank" fouls the Chicago Sky's Kristi Toliver.



» A weary, rusty Maria Sharapova averted a shutout Tuesday at the French Open but lost to Dominika Cibulkova 6-0, 6-2 in the worst Grand Slam defeat of her career. In men's play, Robin Soderling beat Nikolay Davydenko.

ATLANTA 6, CUBS 5

Milton Bradley suffered a leg injury while running out a ground ball in the fourth inning of Tuesday's game. Bradley hit a high chopper to second baseman Kelly Johnson and tried to leg out a hit. He began limping after crossing first base and left the game.

OAKLAND 5, WHITE SOX 0

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen carefully assessed the team's needs before Tuesday night's game against Oakland. "Right now, we're playing well. We'll see. Listen, if we have to make a move, it will be a move to be made," Guillen said.



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So, Memphis couldn't find proof that Derrick Rose cheated on his SAT. But it ain't that easy, D-Rose.

When creditors couldn't find proof I had blown a wad of cash on the Cubs to win last year's World Series, they wouldn't quit.

Here now, my TV picks.



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Roof is on fire

The Wit's rooftop lounge is more than a hotel bar

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Roof

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By Lisa Arnett

There's something to be said for giving a bar an obvious name. When you're heading to Roof, which opened last Thursday inside new Loop hotel The Wit, you won't have to bother asking the concierge where the bar is.

The theory that heat rises certainly applies here on the 27th floor. From the hordes of pretty people to the firepits throughout, we found the opening weekend scene to be no less than sizzling.



Roof
DAN PETERSON
FOR METROMIX

THE SCENE

There are hotel bars, and then there are bars in hotels. Roof falls into the latter category—a destination for scene-and-be-seen cocktailing. Roof is a much-needed entry in the Loop, where the next-coolest al fresco bar options are the casual Plymouth and the nearby sidewalk patios at Emerald Loop and Elephant & Castle. Like the River North's latest rooftop scenes—Vertigo, C-View and Zed451, which all opened last year—people are here to charm a date with a stellar view, kick off a night of clubbing or show off a perfectly calculated outfit against a soundtrack of lively chatter, clinking cocktail glasses and techno-jazzy-R&B beats.

THE CROWD

Though you can expect plenty of patrons in slick suit jackets or designer heels attempting to re-create their own version of "Sex and the City," you also can get away with toting along your laptop bag for an after-work meet-up. Inevitably, you'll share some square footage with hotel guests and tourists savvy enough to know this is the coolest spot for a post-"Mary Poppins" stop within walking distance of the theater district, but the majority of cocktail-sippers here still fall into the young, hot and hip category.

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Size-wise, Roof's spacious terrace reigns over the previously mentioned trio of River North rooftops, and there's ample seating by way of pillow-strewn booths, plus tables grouped along a long glass wall with a view of Marina City. With so much to look at (Short skirts! Sparkling skyline! Condos with their blinds open!), we wouldn't peg Roof as a sports-watching spot, but there are two small flat-screens behind the outdoor bar, plus a third monstrous screen coming soon. Inside, the only thing more coveted than the cozy corner nook with a sleek fireplace are the spots on luxe leather sofas flanking two coffee tables, each inset with mini-firepits enclosed in glass cylinders.

DRINKS

We started the night shouting our order to a frazzled-looking bartender behind the crowded outdoor bar. "They need to fill up their drinks," remarked a bargoer passing back our skimpy first round. (We know you're busy back there, bartenders, but for a \$12 cocktail in a relatively small glass, please fill 'er up to the top.) We tried some hits (Pimm's Cup Cooler, a hibiscus margarita) and misses (a second, not-as-good hibiscus margarita and the

too-sour Ipanema, made with cachaca, madeira, apricot nectar and way too much lime juice). Though the execution might not be quite there, we can't help but have faith in the recipes, considering the talent behind them: two in-house mixologists plus consultant Peter Vestinos, mastermind of Sepia's splendid cocktails before liquor distributor Wirtz Beverage Group hired him away to advise local bars.

EATS

Chef Todd Stein, who will helm the kitchen in the hotel's yet-to-open restaurant, Cibo Matto, designed a menu of crostini, crudo and carpaccio—dishes easily pulled off in a teeny kitchen plopped in the middle of the bar. Some are a better value than others, such as four hefty slices of goat cheese-slathered crostini (\$9) versus a meager portion of fried mozzarella ciliegini (bite-size globes instead of the pub-favorite sticks, \$10).

BOTTOM LINE

Miles cooler than other bar options in the Loop, we have no doubts that Roof will fill a much-needed void from happy hour to after-midnight revelry.

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THE BREAKDOWN

Beer vs. cocktail ratio: 70/30

Girls vs. guys ratio: 60/40

Velvet rope factor: None ... for now. No lines and no doorman, but after large opening weekend crowds, we wouldn't be surprised if that changes.

Hookup factor: Warm. Considering the large range of ages, it's possible you could meet your match, whether that be a halter-top-clad scenestress, the hip dude in a newsboy cap and Chuck Taylors or the pushing-60 guy with the ponytail and Rolex.

Danceability: Cool. A DJ turns up the volume at 11 p.m., but any impromptu dance moves are relegated to the aisles between all that chic furniture.

Wear: That summer gear you've been saving, such as white pants, linen blazers and floor-length sundresses.

Value: Fair to less than fair. \$12-\$13 for specialty cocktails, \$7-\$12 for wine by the glass, \$6-\$14 for beer, \$7-\$16 for most small plates.

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Gay Pride month gets off to a rollicking start with local improv group 1, 2, 3, Fag! and guest artists The Alliance and The Gerald: The Harold's Gay Brother. Guests change weekly. Through July 2. \$8.

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First Fridays

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010.

The monthly mixer boasts two themes in June (vacation and gay pride) and features DJ A-Cup of Moneypenny, go-go troupe The Revelettes and a scavenger hunt. Includes appetizers; cash bar. 6 p.m. \$8-\$16.

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Avon Walk for Breast Cancer

Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive.

If you work fast, you can still raise the minimum fundraising goal of \$1,800 for this two-day, 40-mile event. Get tips and route info: avonwalk.org. 6:30 a.m. 773-248-3120.

Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week

1 We never thought we'd enjoy fruits and veggies in the same drink, but the **Wasabi H2O** (\$13) at **Sunda** (110 W. Illinois St.) matches muddled cucumber, grape vodka and a rim of crushed wasabi peas with refreshing success.

2 New films "Up" and "Drag Me to Hell."

One's moving, one's scary, and both are quite funny. Who says summer movies always stink?

3 The **Flor de Puebla cocktail** (\$8) at Las Palmas (1835 W. North Ave.), made with Veuve Cliquot, rose water and hibiscus syrup, and finished off with a candied hibiscus flower. Catch it during the next two weeks before it disappears.



4 The **laid-back rooftop patio** at **Plymouth Restaurant & Bar** (327 S. Plymouth Ct.). Though not as flashy as the Loop's most recent patio-bar addition, Roof (see Page 17 for the scoop), this tried and true outdoor lounge boasts enough daily specials to keep us happy.

5 **Affordable bar snacks** (think fried marcona almonds, Buffalo fries and roasted bone marrow with grilled bread) and 16 taps pouring everything from Dark Horse Raspberry Ale to Surly Furious to North Coast Old Rasputin at Loop newcomer **State and Lake** (201 N. State St.). It's the perfect stop before a show at the Chicago Theatre.

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\$3 select martinis, \$5 bombs; 3466 N. Clark St. 773-880-2222.

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\$2.50 Jack or Captain and Coke cocktails

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\$2 PBR longnecks and Old Crow shots, DJs spin 9 p.m.; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

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\$1 mini-cheeseburgers, \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, \$4 Dewar's cocktails, \$2.50 PBR bottles, \$3.50 beer-of-the-month pints; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

HUNT CLUB

\$5 specialty martinis; 1100 N. State St. 312-988-7887.

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5 p.m.: Doggy Happy Hour. Have drinks with your pooch on the patio. Each week, a different vendor, shelter, boutique or other dog-related group attends. Drink specials include \$5 vodka lemonades and \$5 Coors Light pitchers, plus water bowls for dogs. No cover; 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

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\$3 Jameson shots, domestic bottles, \$3 drafts and well drinks, 30 cent jumbo wings (4-10 p.m.); 2265 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-1666.

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\$3 beer cans, \$3 Skyy bombs, \$8 sangria pitchers, \$2 sliders (4-8 p.m.); 500 N. La Salle St. 312-661-1122.

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\$3 Bell's seasonal pints, \$3.50 draft of the month; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

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\$3 Dos Equis drafts, \$3 cheese quesadillas; 322 E. Illinois St. 312-245-8331.

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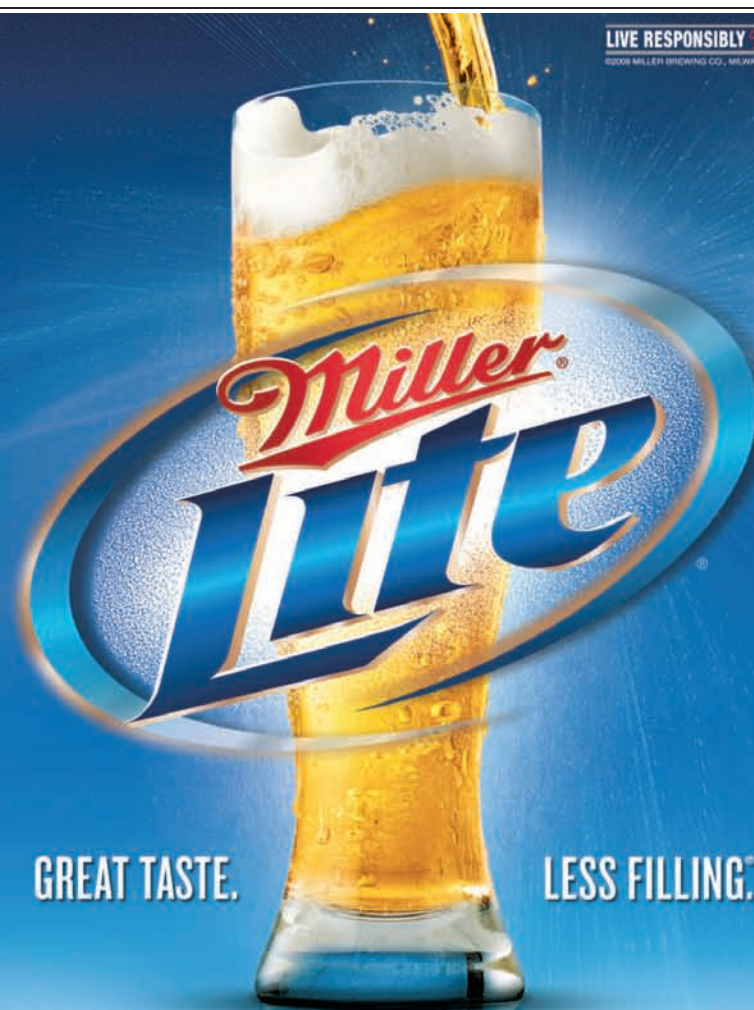
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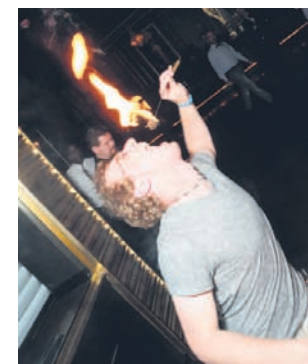
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NIGHTCRAWLERS Shots of who we've seen on the scene



The whole club's a stage

Nothing says party like a fire-eating dude and dancers clad in shreds of gold spandex, right? The schtick at new West Loop club **Theatro** (858 W. Lake St. 312-455-8345) is surprise entertainment each night, and its second weekend drew plenty of mystery-seeking scenesters wearing slightly more clothing than the hired dancers. **CHUAN D. VO FOR METROMIX**



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MCFADDEN'S

\$1 cans, \$2 well drinks, \$3 bombs, 25 cent wings, \$7 Reuben sandwich with fries; 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.

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\$5 martinis, half-price appetizers; 2438 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-8880.

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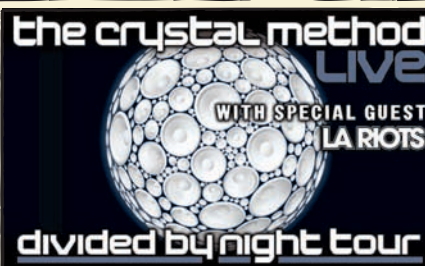
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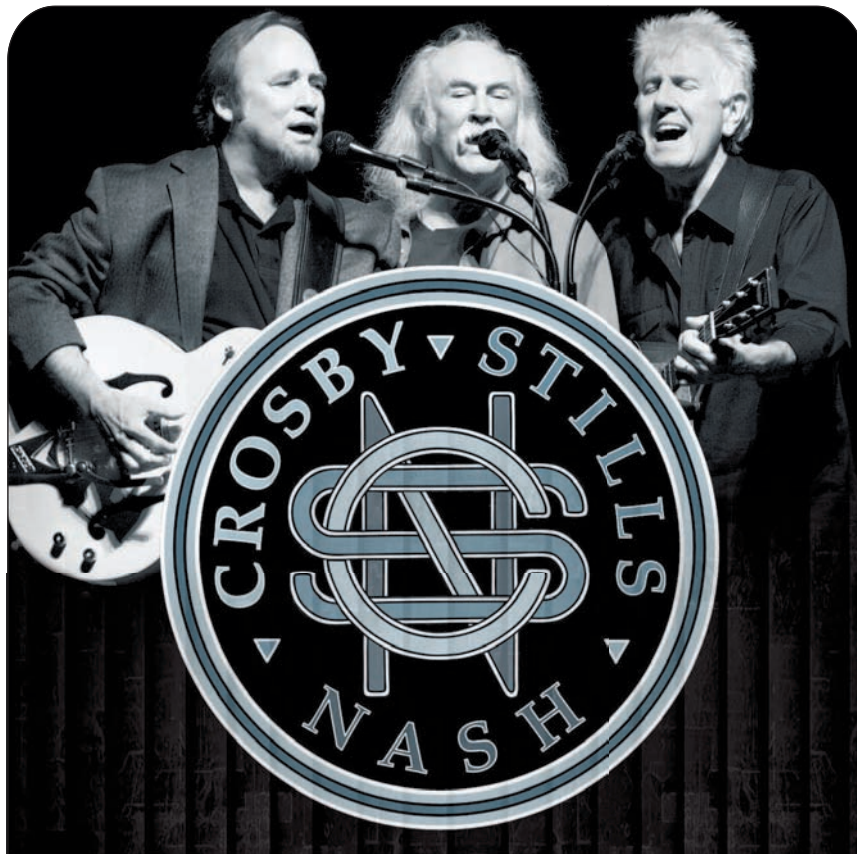
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Suitable
for work?**St. Vincent's job skills are better used for making music than manning a flower shop****By Jason Newman**

A former touring member of Polyphonic Spree and backing musician for Sufjan Stevens, St. Vincent (Annie Clark to her parents) broke out on her own in 2007 with the critically acclaimed "Marry Me," a strong debut of baroque pop songs that immediately made music fans and year-end list-makers take notice. Now the 26-year-old returns with "Actor," a brilliantly orchestrated album that retains Clark's unique sense of whimsy, despite being darker than its predecessor.

To record the new set, Clark buried herself in her favorite movies and began each song as an imagined film score. "I wrote the last album mostly on guitar and piano, but on ["Actor"], I kinda threw those things to the wolves and wrote mostly everything on the computer, to mess up my own creative process," says the Tulsa-born, Dallas-bred musician from her Brooklyn apartment. "Also, I was getting noise complaints from neighbors, so I did most of it in headphones."

Did you feel any pressure recording "Actor," given that "Marry Me" was so highly acclaimed?

I put a lot of pressure on myself to make "Actor" something that was going to be exciting and compelling and different for me. I wanted to figure out ways to make music that was smarter than I am. That's where the technology came into play. I think anytime you write on instruments that aren't your main instrument, you come up with things you wouldn't normally come up with.

Did you change your process much on this one?

I kind of approached the writing like a day job. I'm a very nocturnal person, so in my other times of writing, I really got going at midnight and all of a sudden, 7 a.m. rolled around. In this instance, it was like, "OK, I'm gonna wake up at 9 a.m. and start working!"

Was it easy to adjust your schedule?

Yeah, it was OK. You rejoin the living. ... There's something really gratifying about putting on your proverbial suit and tie and clocking in at the job. It's

like, "I'm a 'real' musician."

When was your last official day job?

I got fired from a flower shop in 2005 in Boston. It was Valentine's Day, and I accidentally delivered flowers to the wrong person. It was horrible.

They fired you after one mistake?

Well, that was kind of one in a series of mistakes.

You mention Woody Allen's "Stardust Memories"—a movie about a director who goes through a crisis of**conscience after being adored and reviled by fans—as a major influence for "Actor." What is it you like so much about that film, and did you go through a similar experience?**

I think "Stardust Memories" is such a hilarious and poignant look at the simultaneous self-aggrandizement and humiliation of an artist. With "Marry Me," I think it was a nice foundation to build upon because it was stylistically all over the map and such a strange collage. I could have gone a lot of places [after that], and it would've been accepted by my fans.

**Jenny Lewis**

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The Sounds



**NEW ALBUM
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The Sounds
"Crossing the Rubicon"
(Original Signal
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The buzz: Anyone already feeling over-loaded with hipster-friendly dance outfits best move on. Swedish quintet The Sounds' last album, "Dying To Say This To You," debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Heatseekers chart. This year, they toured with Fall Out Boy and will soon spend three months opening for No Doubt. Fronted by blond dynamo Maja Ivarsson, the band's shimmering, synth-backed grooves aim to make tiny hips swivel in their skinny jeans, behind the paradox of bright tunes that court fans who wear sunglasses inside.

The verdict: Tracks like "4 Songs and a Fight" have their own sexy swagger, destined to make people under 30 bounce in unison. Yet Ivarsson's voice doesn't have the conviction of, say, A Camp's Nina Persson or Camera Obscura's Tracianne Campbell, making emotional pleas like those found in "My Lover" sound detached and impersonal. Only when Ivarsson's over-produced voice is able to soften, such as on late-disc tracks like "The Only Ones" and "Home is Where Your Heart Is," do her words sound like confessions, rather than empty promises. There's no doubt the repetitive, modern disco stomp of "Crossing the Rubicon" will put feet on the dance floor (all anyone really hears is the beat anyway). Still, this is a record less deserving of a close listen than a busy light show.

Did you know? Blender once called Ivarsson the "hottest woman in rock." Debate!
MATT PAIS

St. Vincent

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But nothing really changes in your day-to-day life. Really, all I want to do is make something that I think is really beautiful.

How else are you preparing for the tour?

I think once I get in the van and drive to Boston, I'll be like, "OK, it's really happening." I don't think about it until we're there. But we've been rehearsing a whole lot. There's gonna be a laser light show. It's gonna be crazy. We're next-leveling this stuff!

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Jenny Lewis scuffles?

**Perhaps indie rock
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By Jeff Miller

To be a pin-up girl in the indie rock world is to walk a very, very fine line between "approachably sexy girl-next-door" and "serious musician." Among the few who've been able to pull it off is Jenny Lewis, frontwoman for artsy rockers Rilo Kiley and now a vital solo artist as well. She's recently followed up her country-laced solo debut "Rabbit Fur Coat" with the more rocking "Acid Tongue." Lewis, 33, checked in from the road.

You're just back from Australia, where you played the V Festival. How was it?

We actually got into an altercation with one of the other bands. This creep from this band came up to me in my dressing room and just started muttering the most vile things in my ear. There was nearly a scuffle. ... Things were yelled. Initially he was trying to pick me up, but then it resulted in the guys in my band protecting my honor, and I stood up for myself

Jenny Lewis

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too: "Hey man, get out of my dressing room!"

There's a perception that the indie rock world is full of these sensitive guys who would never do something like that ...

It's kind of invigorating, actually, just to have something go down that isn't totally polite.

A lot of people know you as a child actress [from "Troop Beverly Hills" and "The Wizard"]. Do you feel an itch to return to acting?

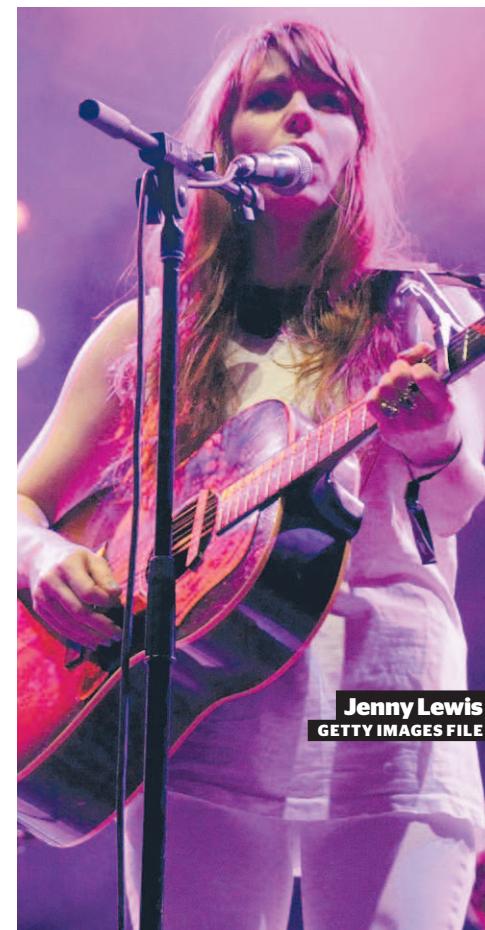
I haven't been an actor for a very long time. I auditioned for the last Coen Brothers movie, and I read for one of the parts, and that's as close as I've gotten. I tanked on the audition. ... But before I stopped acting, I auditioned for "The Big Lebowski" — the Tara Reid part...

Bunny Lebowski!

Yeah, Bunny! I remember reading the script and crying with laughter. I still have the script. I've seen ["Lebowski"] more than any other movie.

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Literary circles are buzzing over "The Slide," Logan Square resident Kyle Beachy's first novel.

In the book, the 30-year-old St. Louis native tells the story of a boy fresh out of college who deals with that awkward transitional period when he's trying to figure out the business of life.

The Chicago Center for Literature and Photography, in addition to giving "The Slide" a perfect score of 10, said it wouldn't be a surprise "to see this get a dark-horse Pulitzer nomination come next year."

Not bad for a debut novel. Beachy, who got his master's from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and teaches there, will discuss the craft of writing with authors Naomi Mun and Tony Romano during a 1:30 p.m. Saturday panel at the Printers Row Lit Fest. RedEye chatted with Beachy about how he became a published novelist, why he lives in Chicago and what is interesting about his high school physics textbook.

What is your favorite book?

Right now I'm reading my old AP physics textbook because I'm trying to remember physics from high school. As far as novels go, I've read and reread the work of Don DeLillo quite a bit for the last five years.

Why high school physics?

Just because I've forgotten. I don't like looking back on an earlier version of me and being jealous of the things he knew.

So 30-year-old Kyle Beachy, how much physics do you know compared to 17-year-old Kyle Beachy?

Oh, none, none. I want to grab 17-year-old Kyle Beachy and beat him up for being a nerd.

I take it you absolutely love St. Louis. Why stay in Chicago after you got your MFA at the Art Institute?

If I'm going to stay at home and stare at a computer all day, I need to walk out my door and have a lot of [bleep] going on. I need diversity. I need activity. I need people fighting in the streets. I need cops arresting people down the block from me.

How much of yourself do you see in your book's protagonist, Potter Mays?

There's that old adage about writing what you know, and as a 22-year-old person I didn't know much, so I wrote based on my experiences and the world as I had seen it. If there's a connection between Potter Mays and myself, it's a much earlier version of myself.

I read that when your book got picked up by an agent after 117 rejections you cried on the train. Was this in Chicago?

It was on the Blue Line. This really, really nice old lady handed me a package of Kleenex,

which only made me whimper harder. It was a relief. I'm not going to lie. I was overwhelmed with joy at that moment because it was just a tiny little piece of redemption after a very, very long struggle. So yeah I did ... I cried on the Blue Line. But you know, people are always crying on the Blue Line.

Are they really?

Yeah, because it's the O'Hare train, so people are always leaving someone behind and crying. It's definitely the saddest of all trains. I might be justifying it. I'm not too ashamed. I'm 30 at this point. I can embrace my softer side.

Did you have to tear up your man card immediately afterward?

Oh God, I tore up my man card years ago. I don't think I could get another man card. I think it's been revoked.

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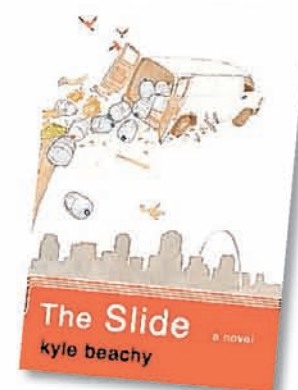
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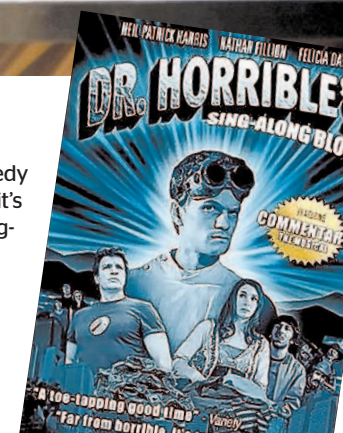
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Small parties

For intimate gatherings of 10 guests or fewer, the wine you bring is likely to receive more attention and bring up a discussion as to why you chose it. Select a wine that you feel comfortable talking about or bring something that can prompt fun dinner conversation—something with an interesting label, unique region or obscure grape variety. If you have been saving a bottle for a special occasion, this could also be a great opportunity to share it with a group of people who will really appreciate your generosity.

Big parties

With larger groups, people tend to focus more attention on the crowd and the scene and are therefore less likely to scrutinize what is in their glass. Instead of bringing a bottle of something special that will get lost in the mix, choose budget-friendly wines such as sauvignon blanc from New Zealand, pinot gris from Oregon, nero d'avora from Italy or malbec from Argentina.

Ask your retailer

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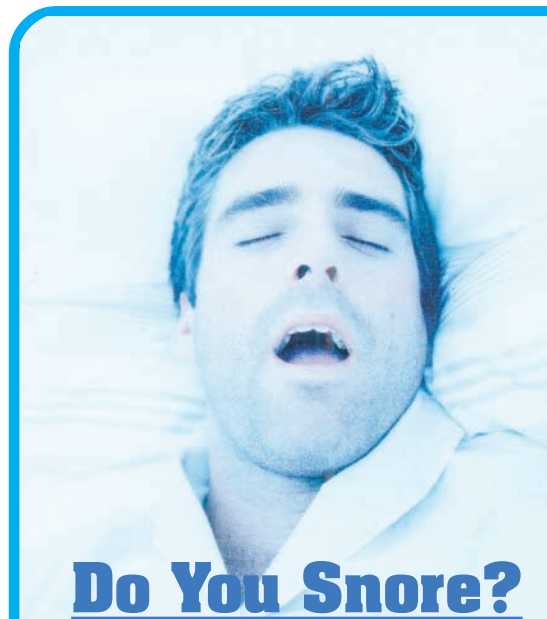
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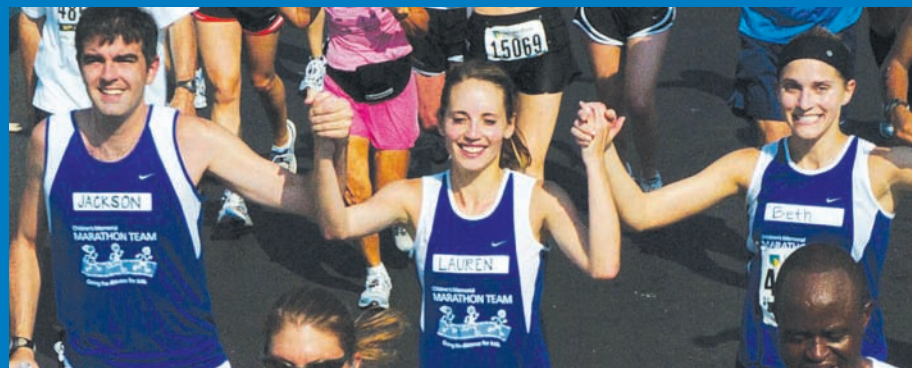
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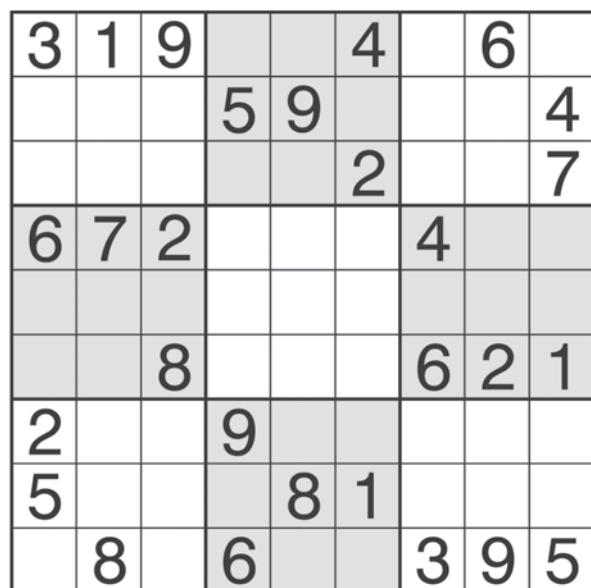


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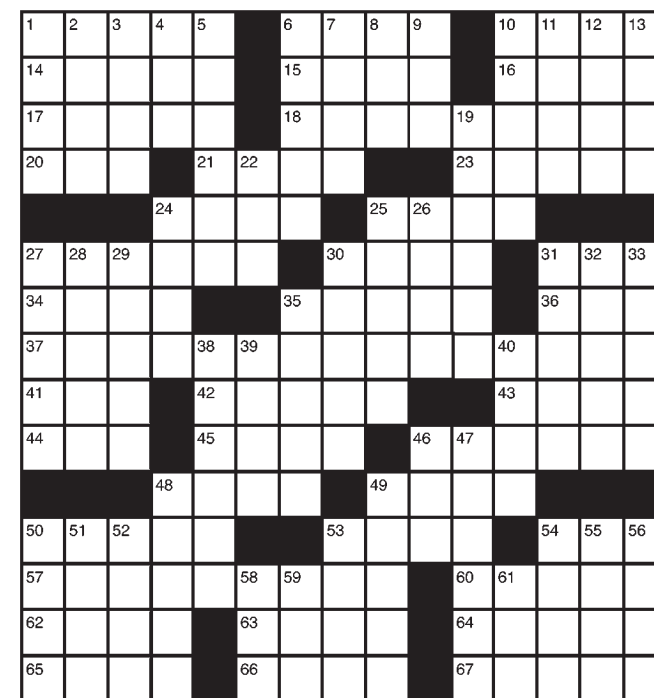
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- 25 Stinging insects
- 27 Flattened at the poles
- 30 Skater Lipinski
- 31 Give _ go; make an attempt
- 34 Faucet problem
- 35 Jeweler's weight
- 36 Joke
- 37 Looks again
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- 44 Go bad
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- 46 Leave behind
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That's harsh!

RedEye charts celeb smackdowns

Apparently Pink is not the hugest fan of Kanye West at the moment.

She tells the July issue of FHM Australia that the rapper is "the person pissing me off right now," according to perez Hilton.com excerpts.

Why is she so hot under the collar? She tells the mag she crossed paths with Kanye at Stella McCartney's Paris fashion show, which was attended by the president of PETA.

"The entire time Kanye is going, 'They need more fur in this show,'" recalls Pink. "He just wouldn't shut up about how he loved fur. I mean, he's saying this to me, the PETA guy and Paul McCartney! I was just so grossed out by him. I'm like, 'You're an idiot!'"

But wait—there's more!

"There are so many people who I think are a waste of skin and he's up there," Pink is quoted as saying. "I should wear him. Go on, donate yourself, Kanye. People can wear your fur."

Yowza! That's a put-down. Of course it's not the first we've heard. Here's where it ranks on the RedEye Insult-O-Meter, which measures the impact of recent celeb smackdowns.



Pink

She balked at Kanye West's pro-fur design sensibilities: "Go on, donate yourself, Kanye. People can wear your fur."

Insult-o-meter

OH, NO SHE DIDN'T

Candy Spelling

She recently suggested her daughter, Tori, was responsible for her husband Aaron's death because Tori wouldn't speak with the family: "That's what killed my husband actually," she's been quoted as saying in a radio interview.

Clay Aiken

He's since apologized, but Aiken once described "Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert's singing as "contrived, awful, and slightly frightening" on his blog.



Spencer Pratt

Throwing a hissy on the debut of NBC's "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!," Pratt and his wife Heidi said the rest of the cast was "devaluing our fame."

Kate Gosselin

The "Jon and Kate" star said her husband can't handle increased media scrutiny since affair allegations have been leveraged against the TLC reality couple. "He is dealing very poorly with it," she told Larry King.

Brad Pitt

At the Spike TV Guys Choice Awards filming on Saturday, Pitt quoted an unprintable line from Mel Gibson's infamous DUI rant—quite the slight.



Megan Fox

Said she didn't want to be like Scarlett Johansson, whom she says has "to go on talk shows and pull out every single SAT word [she has] ever learned to prove, like, 'Take me seriously, I am intelligent, I can speak.'"

IS THAT THE BEST YOU GOT?



THE QUICK & DIRTY

- » Lauren Conrad: Very happy to leave "Hills"
- » Katy Perry: I never hook up
- » Jennifer Love Hewitt wants to be engaged this time next year
- » 50 Cent: Never would've bought Mike Tyson's house if I knew about costly repairs
- » Cynthia Nixon lobbying New York lawmakers to legalize same-sex marriage
- » "Top Chef" moving to Vegas for Season Six
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